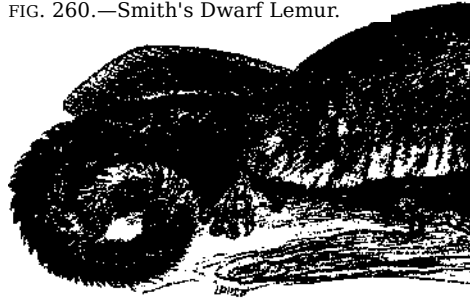


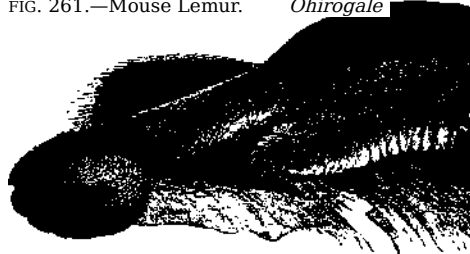
*Chiromys*, differ from the African forms by the fact that the tympanic ring " is completely enclosed by the bulla ossea, without osseous connexion with the same." This character

FIG. 260.—Smith's Dwarf Lemur.



thinks so important as to justify the inclusion of all the Mascarene forms in one group as opposed to another group consisting of the continental Lemurs. In this event *Chiromys*

FIG. 261.—Mouse Lemur. *Chiromys*



will have to be separated from its close association with *Chiromys*. For the present, however, it is left in the more generally accepted position.

*Microcebus* contains the most minute among the Lemurs. *Microcebus smithii* has a body only 5 inches long, the tail being another 6 inches. It occurs in Madagascar, and includes five species.

*Microcebus*, the Fat-tailed Lemur, was so called on account of